

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/613,260
Reply to Office Action dated December 16, 2004

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-3, 6, Figures 1, 3, 4, 5A, 7A, and 7B are hereby amended. Claims 1-3 and 6 are amended to remove reference numbers.

The drawings were objected for not containing all the reference numbers disclosed in the Specification. Applicants traverse this objection. Figure 1 is amended to designate reference number "13" as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner noted that reference number "21" was not shown. Please see Figure 1, where one of the boxes is marked with "21". Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The drawings were objected to for not properly labeling Figures 3, 4, 5A, 7A, and 7B as "Prior Art". Replacement sheets are enclosed. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371-5265.



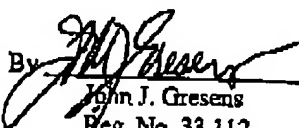
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